

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for conducting an exchange for value in the context of a tradition associated with deciduous teeth, the method comprising the following steps:
  - providing a token redeemable for value at a predetermined place of business;
  - handling the tooth in accordance with the tradition;
  - replacing the tooth with the token; and
  - redeeming the token at the place of business.
2. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the step of providing a token comprises providing at least one coin.
3. A method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the step of providing at least one coin comprises providing at least one coin bearing tradition-related indicia.
4. A method in accordance with claim 3, wherein the step of providing at least one coin comprises providing at least one coin bearing tooth fairy related indicia.
5. A method in accordance with claim 4, wherein the step of providing at least one coin comprises providing a set of twenty coins.
6. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the step of redeeming the token at the place of business comprises redeeming the token at a bank in exchange for financial instruments.

7. A method in accordance with claim 6, wherein the step of redeeming the token at a bank comprises redeeming the token for a financial instrument selected for a group consisting of bonds, cash, stock, and securities.

8. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein further comprising the step of retaining the token as a keepsake for later retrieval by the child.

9. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein further comprising the step of retaining the token and the tooth associated therewith as keepsakes for later retrieval by the child.

10. A method for banking in the context of a tradition associated with deciduous teeth of a child, the method comprising the following steps:

- providing a token associated with a predetermined bank;
- handling the tooth in accordance with the tradition;
- replacing the tooth with the token; and
- instructing the child to redeem the token at the bank; and
- providing the child with banking services and products in exchange for the token.

11. A method in accordance with claim 10, wherein the step of providing a token comprises providing at least one coin.

12. A method in accordance with claim 11, wherein the step of providing at least one coin comprises providing at least one coin bearing tradition-related indicia.

13. A method in accordance with claim 12, wherein the step of providing at least one coin comprises providing at least one coin bearing tooth fairy related indicia.

14. A method in accordance with claim 13, wherein the step of providing at least one coin comprises providing a set of twenty coins.

15. A method in accordance with claim 10, wherein the step of redeeming the token at a bank comprises redeeming the token for a financial instrument selected for a group consisting of bonds, cash, stock, and securities.

16. A kit for conducting an exchange for value in the context of a tradition associated with deciduous teeth of a child, the kit comprising the following:

at least one token associated with a predetermined place of business, the token being suitable for enacting the tradition; and  
a predetermined group of services and products held at the place of business earmarked for exchange with the at least one token.

17. A kit in accordance with claim 12, wherein the at least one token comprises at least one coin.

18. A kit in accordance with claim 17, wherein the at least one coin comprises at least one coin bearing tradition-related indicia.

19. A kit in accordance with claim 18, wherein the at least one coin comprises at least one coin bearing tooth fairy related indicia.

20. A kit in accordance with claim 19, wherein the at least one coin comprises a set of twenty coins, with the respective coins being individually redeemable with a respective deciduous tooth.